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# THE INDEPENDENT

Published Every Thursday.

COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.

E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1905.

THIRTY YEARS IN JOURNALISM.

This issue of the INDEPENDENT ends volume thirty; completes the editor's continuous work for a period of fifteen hundred and sixty weeks in the field of journalism.

Three decades of existence have strengthened the INDEPENDENT in its conviction as to the importance of the press as a social and political factor of great potency for both good and evil with relation to the affairs of mankind, and as to the grave responsibilities interwoven with journalistic duty.

For thirty years the editor of the INDEPENDENT has tried to measure up to his duties and intends to keep on trying and doing, because right is right and wrong is wrong. The editor believes that the power that maketh for right doings inheres in the very constitution of the Universe, and that a power that maketh for just the reverse of right doings likewise inheres in the Universe. The first upbuilds, uplifts; the second pulls down, disintegrates, destroys. Both are clearly personified in man. In every individual the stronger of the two dominates during any given part of Time. This observation holds with relation to Society—composed of individual units. Like every individual, in the totality of his or her influence, every newspaper must be lined up on one side or the other. There is no middle ground between right and wrong. Thus believing the editor has endeavored to keep the INDEPENDENT in line with, and not antagonistic to, the uplifting power; recognizing that belief without practice is a delusive fraud. The editor claims no especial credit for such effort; it has been his duty thus to do. A few words more: While a moderate degree of prosperity has attended the INDEPENDENT during a goodly portion of its existence, and still attends it, this paper has never sought popularity or pecuniary gain at the cost of parting with, or subduing, its usually thought-out convictions in relation to every public question or movement. It claims no especial credit for this; it has been the performance of duty, nothing more. Along this line the editor certainly hopes to keep his publication moving, whether temporarily popular or unpopular.

Among those who gave the INDEPENDENT their loyal support in its early struggles for existence, many have passed into the silent city of the dead; how well we remember their faces, their neighborly kindness, their encouragement; but they have gone from the habitations of the living, and the editor cherishes many helpful memories of their virtues, goodness and usefulness. Quite a number of the first subscribers to this paper are still here and continue their support. May they live long in this land of sunshine and shadow.

To all the patrons of this paper: Thank you! Your continued favors will be duly appreciated.

MR. CLEVELAND should tender President Roosevelt his most profound congratulations.

THE rural free delivery of mail now costs Uncle Sam about \$1,000,000 a month.

THE people of the United States paid nearly \$53,000,000 in tariff duty on sugar in 1904.

In directing his Isthmian Canal Commissioners to buy ships, material and supplies wherever they can find them cheapest in the markets of the world, President Roosevelt imparts an object lesson of transcendent importance to his fellow countrymen. This lesson has direct relation to the unjust and unrighteous governmental favoritism that is constantly enriching the beneficiaries of a protective tariff at the expense of consumers. According to the wise and manifestly square and honorable instructions of the President, if the United States Steel Trust can sell steel rails for \$20 a ton in the Canadian market, the government does not expect to pay \$23 a ton for the same steel rails delivered on the Isthmus of Panama. President Roosevelt has dealt the protection idol a terrific blow.

THE public agitation in Philadelphia with reference to the action of Councils which extends for 75 years the lease of the city's gas works to the United Gas Improvement Company under terms most unsatisfactory to the people, is finding expression in vehement, denunciatory editorials in the newspapers, and verbal utterances of a similar character at meetings of the clergy and other citizens. Mayor Weaver has taken a firm stand and declares that he will veto the action of councils. If public sentiment can be correctly gauged at this distance, it clearly indicates that the greatest opportunity awaits the Mayor to take a voyage on a prodigious wave of popularity by serving as a leader of the people in opposition to what appears to be wholesale theft on the part of public officials. If the statements of the newspapers of Philadelphia be true, popular government in that city means the prostitution of public office for private gain, the submergence of common honesty in official life, and the looting of the public exchequer for the financial benefit of a lot of scoundrels who should be sentenced to the penitentiary for the remainder of their lives. Civilization in Philadelphia must be at a low ebb when the people allow a few brigands to steal their property and trample upon their rights. Condemnation for the public thieves carries with it contempt for the people themselves for their pitiful efforts in the line of city government.

Since the above was written Mayor Weaver has opened war upon the Durham organization and has summarily removed Director of Public Works Costello and Director of Public Safety Smith from office, and has appointed Col. Sheldon Potter and A. Lincoln Acker their successors. This means the downfall of Durham—if the people will support their Mayor.

THE Pennsylvania State College, chartered in 1855, is making arrangements to suitably celebrate its fiftieth anniversary at the coming commencement. The institution is flourishing and is a credit to the State.

If President Roosevelt can stimulate the public mind to vigorous thinking upon the tariff question he will deserve the everlasting gratitude of the American people for all time. He has certainly made a bold and telling effort in the right direction.

FROM the Boston Transcript: Now that a Harvard graduate has given Yale \$10,000 for the purpose of cementing the friendship between the two universities, it only remains for a Yale graduate to give Harvard a like sum, and so double the amount of cement.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 18, 1905.—President Roosevelt has raised the greatest sensation in the Republican party that it has known for many months. Despite the almost fearful protests of some members of his cabinet, regardless of the numerous and indignant objections of manufacturers, he insists on standing by his decision, announced by Secretary Taft, that the Panama Canal Commission shall buy the machinery and material for the Canal where it can be bought the cheapest. "I insist on the most favored nation clause for the United States Government," is the way the President puts it and the stand patters fairly write in agony as he outlines his views.

The President submits that were France constructing the Panama Canal, American manufacturers would cheerfully grant her their largest foreign discounts; that were Great Britain, or any other foreign nation, building the Canal the same would be equally true; that when Great Britain undertakes to build a railroad in India, for instance, the American manufacturers fairly scramble over one another in their efforts to make the lowest prices on steel rails, locomotives and every other article they produce. Now that the United States has undertaken a great international enterprise, he declares, patriotic and loyal manufacturers will cheerfully accord her the most favored national treatment. Others will be compelled to or will forfeit the trade.

The stand patters, both in cabinet and out, exclaim that this will furnish an impressive object lesson to the people and that they will no longer stand for tariff schedules which permit the manufacturers to charge double to American consumers what they charge to foreigners. The President heartlessly replies that it is high time that the people learned that lesson, that he has no patience with the greed of those great combinations which take advantage of the tariff to charge exorbitant prices to "the folks at home" and then exert their powerful influence to prevent that readjustment of the tariff schedules which he has informed Congress is absolutely essential to a square deal to every American citizen.

"This is an outrage on the American Workman," declare the stand patters. But the President replies that the outrage is being daily perpetrated by the manufacturers who take advantage of the tariff to charge Americans double the prices they charge foreigners and prices that are high out of all proportion to the wages they pay the American workmen.

The President declares that he is confident the American people will recognize in his decision regarding the Panama Canal merely a step forward in that campaign which he is consistently waging against the great combinations of capital and in behalf of all the people. He rejoices at the prospect that this decision will bring to the people's attention the evils of the tariff, as it now stands, with sufficient force to compel Congress to listen to the strong words regarding tariff readjustment which he will use in his next message to Congress. The President does not concede that he is one whit less of a protectionist than he has long been, but he insists that the tariff as it now stands works injustices which are outrageous and that it is the plain duty of the Republican party which made the tariff to readjust it to existing conditions.

Secretaries Shaw, Wilson and Metcalf are the only members of the President's cabinet who disapprove of the stand he has taken, Secretary Hay is in Europe, and every other member of the cabinet is ardent in his support of the President's position. The stand pat members of the cabinet can hardly refer to the President's course without shedding tears, and the stand pat members of Congress are saying things which would not look well in print. "It is high time the protection hogs took their hind feet out of the trough," the President is quoted as having said to one of the latter who called at the White House to expostulate with him for his attitude, and the member, who comes from a steel manufacturing district went away muttering deep curses. The lid is off, and no mistake.

The Bowen-Loomis case regarding which the newspapers would be printing columns were it not for the greater interest in the Panama-tariff decision, is now at its most interesting point. Secretary Loomis and Minister Bowen have both filed their replies with Secretary Taft and he is about to review the entire case and make his recommendations to the President. It is impossible to judge of the outcome as yet, al-

though it is evident that the Secretary of War will go to the bottom of the affair and will not hesitate to make such recommendations as he deems wise, even if that means the dismissal of both of the men involved. The gravest feature of the charges against Secretary Loomis involves the check which the Secretary acknowledges having received from the Asphalt Trust, in amount \$10,000. The defense of the Secretary is that he gave in exchange his check on a Venezuelan bank for the same amount, the Trust's check being on New York. Such transactions are not unusual with diplomatic representatives of this country abroad, but it is probable that the Secretary will be called to produce the check which he gave in return and which, in its cancelled state, should have been returned to him by the Caracas Bank.

## PENNA. GRANGE NOTES.

Columbia Grange, No. 83, Bradford county, had 145 members last October. At that time they decided to engage in a contest with a view to increasing their membership. The membership was divided into two companies. These went to work each trying to secure more applications than the other. The contest closed April 1st, when the total membership footed up 361.

Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, has sent an invitation to the different governments of the world asking them to send representatives to Rome to a conference looking toward the improvement of agricultural conditions throughout the world. It gives us pleasure to note that Mr. W. F. Hill, Worthy Master of Pennsylvania State Grange, proposes to attend this conference. Bro. Hill spares neither time nor expense to do his great work well.

"Applications are rolling in," writes Bro. Hartley, of Youngs-ville, Warren county. "Broken Straw Grange, No. 407, has added 21 and we are puzzled to get time to initiate and do our other work. Think we will have to set aside certain meetings for degree work."

The reorganization of dormant granges seems to be a feature of this year. Already ten have been reorganized since the State Grange meeting at Erie. A community that has once caught the true spirit of the grange never loses it. The grange may become dormant, but the members still smoulder and it only needs a freshening breeze to fan them into flame again.

Leonard Grange, No. 779, Centre county, is reported to have cleared over two hundred dollars at a festival recently. Of course they have been receiving applications. People just cannot help joining an enterprising grange.

March 18, Troy Grange, No. 182, Bradford county, observed the thirty-first anniversary of its organization by an all day meeting and a dinner. There was a large attendance of members and friends of the order. In the afternoon a literary program was rendered.

Bro. C. P. Shaw, of Bradford county, writes: "The grange is doing a great educational work. As a result people are thinking seriously upon questions that a few years ago were scoffed at. I feel especially proud of the progressive work as conducted in Pennsylvania. This is largely due to the fact that the principal officials are men who dare to lead. Prof. Surface was with us at our last Pomona grange meeting and gave a good talk, dwelling especially on Direct Legislation. His address was enthusiastically received by the nearly 400 members present. I am convinced that the Initiative and Referendum or Direct Legislation overshadowed all other public questions in importance. Its adoption will bring two very desirable results—it will lead the people to think upon and discuss public questions as they have never done before and thus become a powerful educator and what is of equal importance it will entirely disarm the lobbyist and bootler."

**WOMEN'S CLUBS DEFENDED.**  
W. L. Bodine, Superintendent of Compulsory Education in Chicago, does not agree with Grover Cleveland that women's clubs are pernicious. He writes:

"I believe in women's clubs, because I am in an official position, as Superintendent of Compulsory Education in Chicago, to know the vast amount of good they have accomplished in child-saving work, in securing legislation on compulsory education, parental schools and juvenile courts, and in the suppression of child labor. Women's clubs are not theoretical. They are practical. They act. They 'do things' for the good of the community and the country. While men have been busy quarreling over the money question and the tariff question, women's clubs have been busy safeguarding humanity."

"Grover Cleveland in a recent

article assailed women's clubs. He believes they are inimical to society, a menace to the nation. The distinguished gentleman from New Jersey prates much of home life, of woman, her duty, her work. Be it remembered this is the same distinguished gentleman who lived half a century as a clubbachelor before that indefinable spell of enchantment known as romance took possession of his soul, and he at last knew what home life was.

"For some time prior to that event, during Mr. Cleveland's first administration, the republic beheld the spectacle of a president setting, as an example to his people, a man in the White House who had no wife and no concrete value for home life—then a distinguished exponent of race suicide, to say the least. He said to the credit of Mr. Cleveland, he has since redeemed himself. But as a penitent it is ungracious for him to assail mothers who belong to women's clubs, and some of whom had families long ere he had taken unto himself a bride. It would be unreasonable for him or any other citizen to paint the ideal wife, in this day and generation, as one whose life was bounded by the kitchen and drawing-room, the nursery and the front porch. Any man who would not give his wife a day off once in a week or oftener, to spend an intellectual afternoon at a woman's club, is unreasonable, undemocratic and un-American."

Women's clubs do not impair home life; they promote it. They do not tend to race suicide; the majority of their members are mothers. They not only improve their own homes, but they extend the helping hand of benevolence to other homes—to other people's children, to the fatherless and oppressed, to the poor children of the city whose outings and vacation schools are a few of the many beautiful philanthropies where the altruistic doctrine of women's clubs is apparent."

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#### When Inoculation Fails.

Failure in the use of bacterial culture for soil inoculation may be expected: When the directions for preparing the liquid culture are not carefully followed. When the ground is already thoroughly inoculated. When the soil is so rich in nitrogen as to prevent the growth of nodule forming bacteria.

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#### NO MORE FREE CULTURES THIS SEASON.

The Trade Product.

Erroneous statements which have recently been appearing in the public press regarding the free and unlimited distribution of inoculating material for leguminous crops is likely to cause those who apply for these cultures to be disappointed. A circular of the department of agriculture now announces that the results obtained with pure cultures in inoculating leguminous plants has resulted in such a demand for this material that the facilities of the department have been taxed to their utmost, and for some time has been impossible to meet the demand. In fact, the total quantity which can be prepared this season was promised early in February.

The patent which the department holds upon the method of growing and distributing these organisms was taken out in such a way that no one can maintain a monopoly of the manufacture of such cultures and so as to permit of its being taken up and handled commercially. The commercial product is being handled quite generally by seedsmen. Upon application the department has furnished all necessary information to the bacteriologists representing properly equipped concerns, but it cannot assume the responsibility of a statement which in any way be regarded as a guarantee of the commercial product, nor is it prepared to endorse each and all of the somewhat extravagant claims occasionally made for this discovery. The latest of the department's authorized statements may be found in farmers' bulletin 214.

#### The High Priced Potato.

The national department of agriculture has arranged with Rev. J. R. Lawrence of Middleboro, Mass., to use his farm for potato trials during this year. Mr. Lawrence's work last year with 500 varieties having been very satisfactory. This season he will have about 800 varieties of potatoes, which will be the largest collection of varieties in a single field in the world. One variety, El Dorado, is the most valuable potato grown, better worth \$2.25 a pound. To secure the planting of this potato Mr. Lawrence had to sign a guarantee not to allow a slip or an eye of the spud to leave his premises—Country Gentleman.

#### Aid to Tree Planters.

The department of agriculture through the bureau of forestry offers assistance to landowners in establishing commercial forestry plantations, shelter belts, wind breaks and snow breaks and in reclaiming shifting sands and other waste lands by forest planting. The assistance rendered is usually confined to a planting plan, containing full instructions for the necessary planting based upon a thorough study of the area to be planted. The planting plan outlines the cultural and protective measures necessary to insure the maturing of a profitable forest crop.

#### Chamber of Agriculture.

Our ambassador to Italy, Hon. Henry White, and Albert P. Woods of the department of agriculture represent the United States in the May International agricultural conference at Rome. The plan for an international chamber of agriculture proposed by the king of Italy includes two branches, one made up of two delegates from each nation and the other of delegates from various farmers' organizations of the different countries.

#### Tomato Support.

Try using a single stake for tomato plants if a trellis or other support is inconvenient for each plant. Simply drive a stout stake about four feet long into the ground and set out a tomato plant at each stake. Nip off the bottom branches and allow the plant to grow so as to make its branches near the top, which will protect the fruit from rotting—Inland Farmer.

#### Spraying With Bordeaux.

I have been spraying with the liquid Bordeaux, arsenate of soda, and arsenate of soda and arsenate of soda combined for several years with good results. I give one good spraying just before the bloom, a second just as soon as most of the bloom has fallen, a third a week or two later, a fourth about a month later and made a fifth application last year still a month later, or the last of July or the first of August. For

## COUNTY TREASURER'S TAX NOTICES.

In pursuance to an Act of Assembly approved March 17, 1889, and supplementary Acts thereto, the Treasurer of Montgomery County will meet the Taxpayers of said county at the public house of the State, County and local taxes for the year 1904, assessed in their respective districts, viz:

Borough of Norristown, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Wards, at the County Treasurer's Office, Thursday, June 1, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Bridgeport, First, Second and Third Wards, and Norristown, at County Treasurer's Office, Thursday, June 1, from 8 a. m. to 12 m.  
Township of Upper Merion, at the public house of Madeline R. Hoy, Thursday, June 1, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Conshohocken, First Ward, at the public house of C. Boylan, Friday, June 3, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Conshohocken, Second Ward, at the public house of Mayall May, Friday, June 3, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Conshohocken, Third Ward, at the public house of Wm. Coyle, Monday, June 5, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Conshohocken, Fourth Ward, at the public house of Wm. E. Toner, Monday, June 5, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Conshohocken, Fifth Ward, at the public house of Margaret Jones, Friday, June 3, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of West Conshohocken, at the public house of Michael Bradley, Tuesday, June 6, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Upper Providence, Lower District, at Providence Hall, Wednesday, June 7, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Township of Upper Providence, Trappe and Mount Pleasant, at Providence Hall, Wednesday, June 7, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Collegeville Borough, at Collegeville, June 8, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Lower Merion, at the public house of John S. Shepard, Thursday, June 8, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Whittemarsh, Middle and West Districts, at the public house of Frank Luke, Friday, June 9, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Township of Plymouth, East and West Districts, at the public house of George F. Kelly, Friday, June 9, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Haverhill, at the public house of Herman J. Spatenbach, Monday, June 12, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Moreland, Lower District, at the public house of Frank Shook, Monday, June 12, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Moreland, Upper District, at the public house of Charles E. Charnock, Tuesday, June 13, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Lower Merion, at the public house of J. K. Halliwell, Tuesday, June 13, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the fire house, Wednesday, June 14, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Lower Merion, North and South Districts, at the public house of Edward Odell, Wednesday, June 14, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Lower Merion, East District, at the fire house, Wednesday, June 14, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Upper Merion, at the public house of Oliver K. Bean, Friday, June 16, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Norristown, at the public house of James H. Carver, Monday, June 19, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Schuylkill, at the public house of Edward Odell, Monday, June 19, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Township of Upper Merion, at the public house of J. K. Halliwell, Monday, June 19, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Norristown, Second and Fourth Wards, at the public house of John H. DeLaware, Wednesday, July 5, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
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Borough of Norristown, Ninth and Tenth Wards, at the public house of John H. DeLaware, Wednesday, July 5, from 9 to 11 a. m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Thursday, July 6, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of W. K. Shuler, Friday, July 7, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of Charles G. Hawley, Monday, July 10, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of Harry H. Smith, Tuesday, July 11, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
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Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Monday, July 17, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
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Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Wednesday, July 19, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Thursday, July 20, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Friday, July 21, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Saturday, July 22, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Sunday, July 23, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Monday, July 24, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Tuesday, July 25, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Wednesday, July 26, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Thursday, July 27, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Friday, July 28, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Saturday, July 29, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Sunday, July 30, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.  
Borough of Norristown, at the public house of J. F. Corman, Monday, July 31, from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

#### NODULES ON ROOTS OF GARDEN PEA.

When the soil is too acid or too alkaline to permit the development of either plants or bacteria. When the soil is deficient in necessary plant foods, such as potash and phosphoric acid, as well as in nitrogen. It should also be borne in mind that inoculation will not overcome poor results due to bad seed, improper preparation and culture, or to a decidedly adverse climatic conditions.—Moore and Robinson.

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